REMARKS

I.   Summary of Office Action

Claims 2, 4-9, 15, and 17-22 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 2, 4-9, 15, and 17-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Young U.S. Patent No. 5,727,060 (hereinafter "Young").

II.   Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants have amended claims 2 and 15 to more particularly define the claimed invention. No new matter has been added and the amendments are fully supported by the originally-filed specification. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to the claims be withdrawn.

III. Applicants' Reply to the Claim Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 4-9, 15, and 17-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Young. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' amended independent claims 2 and 15 are directed to a method and system for navigating in a program guide. A program guide is presented to a user. The program guide includes a program grid having a plurality of cells arranged in rows and columns. At least one of the cells in the program grid corresponds to a navigation cell that may be selected by the user and that includes at least one navigation point. A navigation point corresponds to menu shortcut choices that may provide a user with shortcuts for navigating within the program guide. The claims have been amended

to specify that the navigation point is associated with a
designated group of channel or time cells. A group of
channel or time cells may include one or more channel or
time cells, respectively. In response to a user
selection of the navigation cell, the program guide
navigates to the navigation point such that program
information associated with the designated group of
channel or time cells is displayed in the remainder of
the cells in the program grid. See, e.g., page 26,
line 27 through page 27, line 6.

     The Examiner contends that Young discloses all
of the features of independent claims 2 and 15. While
applicants' invention may implicate the teachings of
Young, applicants patentably improve upon Young by
specifying a navigation cell comprising at least one
navigation point associated with a designated group of
channel or time cells. The cells pertaining to the
designated group may or may not be displayed to the user
prior to the selection of the navigation cell. In
response to the user selecting the navigation cell,
program information associated with the designated group
of channel or time cells is displayed in program
information cells in the program grid, as specified by
amended independent claims 2 and 15.

     For example, a "Hot Picks" navigation point may
be associated with a group of channel cells corresponding
to a premium channel line-up. In response to the
selection of a navigation cell comprising the Hot Picks
navigation point, the program guide may be navigated such
that program information associated with the group of one
or more channel cells associated with the premium channel
line-up is displayed. See, e.g., page 20, lines 20-32.

Similarly, a What's On navigation point may be associated with a group of time cells corresponding to a current time period. In response to the selection of a navigation cell comprising the What's On navigation point, the program guide may be navigated such that program information associated with the group of one or more time cells associated with the current time period is displayed. See, e.g., page 26, lines 27-30, and page 25, lines 8-14 and 21-28.

Nowhere does Young show or suggest the above features associated with applicants' claimed navigation cell and navigation point. Young describes a television schedule system operative to display an array of program listings including listings for "linked programs." Linked programs may be programs with titles that match a title in a list of "Linked Titles." Linked programs may be automatically tagged for recording based on the match and may be identified in the program guide by link icons. See Young, column 7, line 66 through column 8, line 10. A link icon is not a navigation cell or a navigation point as specified in applicants' independent claims 2 and 15 at least because it is not associated with a designated group of channel or time cells and because it does not cause the program guide to be navigated such that program information associated with the designated group of channel or time cells is displayed in program information cells.

For at least the foregoing reasons, independent claims 2 and 15 are allowable. Claims 4-9, which depend from independent claim 2, and claims 17-22, which depend from independent claim 15, are therefore also allowable.

IV. Request for Acknowledgment of Supplemental
     Information Disclosure Statement

On April 4, 2006, applicants filed an
Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the
above-identified patent application identifying, among
other references, Davis et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,822,123.
Applicants submitted therewith Form PTO-1449 (in
duplicate) listing the aforementioned reference.
However, the reference listed on the copy of Form
PTO-1449 returned with the May 4, 2006 Office Action has
not been initialed by the Examiner. Applicants
respectfully request that an initialed copy of said Form
PTO-1449, as considered by the Examiner, be returned with
the next communication.

V.   Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicants
respectfully submit that this application, including
claims 2, 4-9, 15 and 17-22, is now in condition for
allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this
application are respectfully requested.

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